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From: Simon Noel [snoel@lonestar.utsa.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, December 31, 2003 2:52 AM
To: Michael Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Cc: fcc@thetip.org

Dear FCC Commissioners:

Please don't allow companies to own more than one television station in the same market. The media is centralized enough as it is.

Best,

Simon Noel

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From: democraticmedia@democraticmedia.org
Sent: Monday, January 12, 2004 12:01 AM
To: Michael Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Subject: Stop the digital broadcast give-away

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From Sabrina Choi

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I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

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From: Ron Kellner [rkellner@abraxis.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 08, 2004 10:07 AM
To: Commissioner Adelstein, kimweb@fcc.gov; Michael Copps; Kathleen Abernathy; Michael Powell
Subject: Relaxing broadcasting ownership rules

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

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Honorable Michael Powell
Honorable Kathleen Abernathy
Honorable Michael Copps
Honorable Kevin Martin
Honorable Jonathan Adelstein

Please do not relax the broadcasting ownership rules as the broadcasting media already controls what is communicated to the public and it is already biased. The independent voices will no longer be heard. We will become a dictatorial country by the media that will be controlled by large media corporations.

The media has been using their power to only communicate their views and keep opposing views out of the news. The approval of relaxing the ownership rules will not allow the individual or opposing view on the air.

Please do your duty and protect the individual citizen rights of free speech and **Disapprove the request to relax the ownership rules.**

We now only listen to local stations as they are the only ones who give you both sides of the story

Respectfully,
Ronald K. Kellner
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From: democraticmedia@democraticmedia.org
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From: Margaret Iovino

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

Congress must RESTORE public interest responsibility to the broadcast media, or give us back their licenses and their airwaves!! These belong to us!!

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From: democraticmedia@democraticmedia.org
Sent: Saturday, January 10, 2004 11:11 AM
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From Margaret Sullivan

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The FCC must not proceed to give away the obligations of the public interest for digital broadcasting. I want more access to a wider range of news and public interest broadcasting. No more hand-outs for the broadcasting lobby. These are the citizen's airways'

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From: democraticmedia@democraticmedia.org
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From: Jeffrey Hall

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I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diverse ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

What is currently offered on both the network and cable channels is almost without exception a complete waste of time for any person with an IQ above that of bread mold. Without programming designed to engage and inform the public we as a nation collectively continue to devolve into a lower form of intelligence.

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From: democraticmedia@democraticmedia.org
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From paula erker

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I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

A democracy by definition cannot be made up of one party. Today, mass media is presenting only one side of the current political climate to the general public. The FCC, as federal agency, should be concerned with maintaining "fair and balanced" representation by the mass media

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From: democraticmedia@democraticmedia.org
Sent: Monday, January 12, 2004 11:41 PM
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From Christopher Isensee

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I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

I am sick of the way the big corporations that now control the great majority of the news media, particularly television control the way we think. This defeats the way our democratic system should work

Calvin Howell

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From: grea@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, December 10, 2003 2 29 PM
To: Michael Copps
Subject: Media accessibility

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Dear Sir,

I am writing concerning what I conceive as a lack of quality information. With the current rules on media ownership we as a nation are being fed a reduced version of news. For the last year I have been getting more news from companies outside of the United States. Now, I look at US news stations and wonder why they are not covering some of the issues. We used to be the leader in journalism. Now it seems corporate interests are more important than society issues. The owners are using the news to promote their political or ideological views. Instead of getting an overall view of an issue we are getting a slanted one-sided view. Fox is the best example of this. Their corporate influence is obviously pushing an ultraconservative agenda. What happened to objectivity? This is causing a love it or leave it atmosphere.

Rupert Murdoch is now trying to purchase DirecTV. This will further reduce the variety of options for Americans. Through satellite TV we can get more of a variety than from other sources. I fear that this move will allow corporate interests to now determine what stations are available to us. We need to move more towards diversity and less towards one-size-fits-all. The more one individual can control the less competition and variety available. Whether you are conservative, liberal or something in between we should not be subjected to just one side of an issue.

Greg Rea
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Michael Copps
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

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From: democraticmedia@democraticmedia.org
Sent: Wednesday, January 07, 2004 5:45 PM
To: Michael Powell; Kathleen Abernathy; Michael Copps; K. J. Webb; Commissioner Adelstein
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From: Patricia Hval

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From: Stevo [solarzeropoint@hotmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, January 03, 2004 3:02 AM
To: Michael Powell
Subject: Clear Channel Communications is WRONG

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Clear Channel kills creativity and choice because they own a majority of the radio stations in Los Angeles. Because Clear Channel is so large (they own 1,200 radio stations across the U.S.), they control what is broadcasted on 102.7 KIIS, KOST, STAR, KBIG, KFI AM, 92.3 HOT, KLAC AM, KGGI and KXTA AM. Clear Channel's large size allows them to "lease" out competitors such as KDL since there are no antitrust laws that prevent them from killing the competition

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From: Jack & Betty Jo [jrandbjo@mind.net]
Sent: Monday, January 05, 2004 4 05 PM
To: Michael Copps

Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20541

count us in for stronger local ownership and programming....we do not appreciate having out of area stations interrupting our local public radio station.

thank you,

Betty Jo & Jack Reynolds

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From: democraticmedia@democraticmedia.org
Sent: Friday, January 02, 2004 9:30 PM
To: Michael Powell; Kathleen Abernathy; Michael Copps; KJMWEB; Commissioner Adelstein
Subject: Stop the digital broadcast give-away

From Steve Rusk

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From: edward lipman [njvet01@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 08, 2004 2:14 PM
To: Michael Powell
Cc: Ed Lipman
Subject: Re: Station ownership

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Mr Michael Powell
Dear Sir

I would like to say that I am not in agreement with the recent ruling allowing more TV stations to be owned by fewer companies.

Here in Charleston SC I have seen the result of this, because one station has an agreement with another to produce news programming. This means that I can get the same news on both channels, in effect only giving me one viewpoint instead of two.

The same can also be said for radio stations that have the same ownership. I listen to Rock and Roll oldies stations and I now understand one company owns about 60% of the stations broadcasting that type of programming.

Since I am now 61 years old I am nostalgic for the type of shows broadcast in the 50s and 60s, but I also realize you can't go back, I think radio programming is too packaged and not spontaneous.

I still think it was a mistake to rule this way and think the ruling should go the other way, because the airwaves are for the public interest more than for corporate profit.

Thank You for your time Edward Lipman

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Subject: deregulation matters

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Federal Communications Commission
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mr. chairman,

please do not loosen restrictions on media-ownership. do you realize of effects of what will happen? apparently not. you cannot conceive the negative impact it will have on opinion, and how ultimately it will hurt the news channels themselves. who will trust them? not I. but that still believe the american system could never go wrong and blindly follow the news will be mislead in every conceivable way. mostly, the 55+ community and the under 21 crowd. the elders will trust because they always have. they feel there is a sense of duty to trust what the news presents although virtually every major study on news bias has concluded that each of the major networks (seen by old people) is extremely bias in one direction or the other. and the younger crowd under 21 just doesn't know jack to start with. they are so easy to hit with propaganda, except as it relates to motivation. they care about very little that does not have a direct impact on themselves. and so half nation will grow up to blindly trust the news, whilst the other half will fiercely protest the news and how it is presented and great lines will be drawn between them and they will become another great factor of partisanship and elections.

you need to justify yourself.

write me a response. i deserve it. i'm just one person. write me and explain how your new policy will POSITIVELY impact the way news is presented. and don't leave judgment up to the public and say ridiculous claims like it doesn't matter how it is presented, americans will believe what they want to believe, etc. americans are not what you call objective.

sincerely,
mike rogers,
texas

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From: democraticmedia@democraticmedia.org
Sent: Wednesday, December 24, 2003 2:55 PM
To: Michael Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael G. KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
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From: b Ferrero

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I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

Something in this wonderful (so far) country needs to be done with the public's interest in mind. Let's have some TRUE reality